

IN THE CLAIMS

B 1 (currently amended). E-mail system for simultaneously distributing a plurality of different streams with different formats video data across a network to a plurality of client recipient computers, comprising:

encoder for encoding digitized data into a plurality of different video data stream formats;

A a smart server determining, when a client recipient computer accesses the e-mail system; a video player type residing on the client recipient computer and an optimum video data stream format for the video player of the client recipient computer and thereafter distributing the optimum video data stream format according to the determination; and

an e-mail web page provided to the client recipient computer, the e-mail web page including e-mail text messages and a streaming video screen adapted to display the optimum video data stream format.

2(original). The e-mail system of Claim 1, further including a digitizer for digitizing video data streams.

3(original). The e-mail system of Claim 1, further including a means for compressing the digitized data.

4(original). The e-mail system of Claim 1, which can simultaneously transmit a plurality of different video data stream formats to a plurality of client recipient computers at the optimum video data stream format for the video player of each of the client recipient computers.

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5(original). The e-mail system of Claim 1, wherein the distributing occurs by storing at least one of the different video streams in a memory device and transmits the plurality of various video data streams to video players in the client recipient computers.

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6(original). The e-mail system of Claim 1, further including receiving the data in analog form from a device that captures the data in a live event and then digitizing.

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7(original). The e-mail system of Claim 1, further including receiving the data in analog form from a device that captures the data from a storage device and then digitizing.

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8(original). The e-mail system of Claim 1, further including digital calender data and simultaneously distributing the calender data with the video data streams, thereby enabling the calender data to be displayed simultaneously with the video data stream on the client recipient computers.

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9(original). The e-mail system of Claim 1, which includes distributing a plurality of multiple bit-rate video data streams which contain an audio component.

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~~10~~(new). The e-mail system of Claim 4, further comprising a process residing on the smart server, the process including instructions to test the bandwidth on each of the plurality of client recipient computers at the time of a video e-mail request to ensure that the optimum bit stream is served to each of the plurality of client recipient computers, utilizing maximum available bandwidth.

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~~11~~(new). The e-mail system of Claim ⁵~~10~~, wherein the instructions to test the bandwidth further comprise:

sending a fixed size of data to each of the plurality of client recipient computers;

recording the time each of the plurality of client recipient computers takes to download the fixed size of data; and

based on a ratio of the data versus time, delivering a bits per second asset.

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~~12~~(new). The e-mail system of Claim ⁵~~10~~, wherein the instructions to test the bandwidth further comprise testing the multicast capability of each of the plurality of client recipient computers.

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13(new). ^{An e-mail}~~A~~ web page residing on a client computer screen, comprising:

a text section displaying e-mail message status;

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~~an embedded calendar~~ and

A Ins B1

a streaming video screen displaying video stream data that has been optimized by a smart server process for providing optimum video data stream format for a video player residing on the client computer, ^{B1} the process including instructions to:

test the optimum bandwidth of the client computer; and

~~ins B2~~

determine if the client computer is multicast capable, ^{B2}

14(new). The web page as claimed in Claim 13, further comprising a control panel.

15(new). The web page as claimed in Claim 13, further comprising a web page address line.

16(new). The web page as claimed in Claim 13, further comprising video control selector icons.